

**THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE BALKAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS FORUM
(BCCF)**

**ANTALYA DECLARATION ON
THE ADOPTION OF THE BCCF STATUTE**

On November 14th, 2025, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye hosted the Third Annual Meeting of the Balkan Constitutional Courts Forum (BCCF) in Antalya, Türkiye.

Presidents and representatives from the Constitutional Courts of the Republic of Albania, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Türkiye, members of the BCCF, as well as the Presidents and representatives from the Constitutional Courts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Romania, observers of the BCCF, participated in the Third Meeting. Guest courts from Africa, Asia and Europe, as well as international courts and institutions, also convened at the Meeting.

Relying on the “Memorandum of Understanding for Establishment of the Balkan Constitutional Courts Forum”, which was agreed on October 27th, 2023, at the First Annual Meeting of the Balkan Constitutional Courts Forum (hereinafter referred to as the “Forum”) in Sofia, Bulgaria, the Forum recalled the establishment of a permanent functioning body as an independent judicial platform for the respective constitutional jurisdictions among countries in the Balkan region and the need for the adoption of a separate statute determining the organizational structure of the Forum.

Within the framework of their constitutional competence, the Constitutional and Supreme Courts/Councils and Equivalent Institutions play an instrumental role to ensure respect for the implementation of national constitutions principles of the rule of law, democracy, and human rights.

As guardians of the constitution and these constitutional values, we, the Presidents and representatives of the Balkan constitutional jurisdictions, declare our commitment to ensuring the principles of the rule of law, democracy, and the promotion of and respect for human rights in the Balkan countries.

Reaffirming our commitment to building partnerships by sharing information and best practices on constitutional justice to promote the aforementioned values and principles in the Balkan countries, we, the Presidents and representatives of the Balkan constitutional jurisdictions, believe that establishing a permanently functioning body in the field of constitutional justice would greatly enhance judicial dialogue, cooperation, and the exchange of experiences and information amid these jurisdictions.

We, the Presidents and representatives of the Balkan constitutional jurisdictions, are profoundly convinced that achieving these objectives requires to adopt a Statute defining the decision-making procedure of the Forum.

Achieving these objectives remains closely linked to the independence and impartiality of constitutional jurisdictions who compose this autonomous, independent judicial framework to ensure its success and continuity, we, the Presidents and representatives of the constitutional jurisdictions of the countries in the Balkan region, hereby agree:

1. To adopt the Statute of the BCCF;
2. To hold the next Annual Meeting of the BCCF in North Macedonia, scheduled to take place on November 12th and 13th, 2026, by the Constitutional Court of the Republic of North Macedonia.

The Presidents and representatives of delegations present today hereby express their highest appreciation to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye for organizing the Third Annual Meeting in an outstanding manner and with excellent hospitality.

Antalya, Türkiye, November 14th, 2025